

Commonwealth of Massachusetts Municipal Police Training Committee

"Training for Today, Planning for the Future"

6 Adams Street Randolph, Ma 02368 Phone: (781) 437-0300 Fax: (781) 963-0235



Deval L. Patrick *Governor*

Timothy P. Murray
Lieutenant Governor

Kevin M. Burke

Secretary of Public Safety & Security

Chief James G. Hicks
Chairman

Dolores J. Ford *Interim Executive Director*

To: Chiefs and Training Officers

From: Dolores J. Ford, Interim Executive Director

Municipal Police Training Committee

Subject: Basic Recruit Academy Training

Date: March 9, 2009

Due to the current fiscal crisis, the Municipal Police Training Committee (MPTC) has been working hard to manage and coordinate police recruit training available in the state, including academies run by approved academies. The MBTA Transit Police Academy will start March 23, 2009. The Lowell Police Department has cancelled their projected June 2009 academy due to lack of sufficient enrollment to cover the cost of running the class. As a result, in order to offer a training venue that will allow student officers from across the state to participate, it was determined that the most appropriate location to run the next MPTC Academy is at the New Braintree Massachusetts State Police (MSP) Academy. The academy will have joint MPTC and MSP Staff. Residential placement will be offered. The Western Massachusetts Academy Director, Jack Claffey, will be Co-Academy Director with Sergeant Mike Lyver of the MSP. MPTC and MSP are currently crunching numbers to identify the minimum class size for the MSP Municipal Academy. In addition, the MPTC has begun a recruitment effort to identify candidates for a Law Enforcement Certificate Program (LECP) recruit class. In order to run without a deficit, the minimum LECP class is twenty-six student officers.

The MPTC website has been updated to announce the projected start dates for the 2nd MSP Municipal Academy as July 20, 2009 and the 3rd LECP Academy at Boylston as August 3, 2009. Projected numbers are presently low.